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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

November 27, 2002

Michael Edward Daly, Treasurer
Prairie Political Action Committee
Post Office Box 2002
Springfield, IL 62705

Identification Number: C00347195

Reference: July Quarterly (4/1/02-6/30/02) and October Quarterly (7/1/02-9/30/02)
Reports

Dear Mr. Daly:

This letter is to inform you that as of November 26, 2002, the Commission has not received your response to our requests for additional information dated November 6, 2002. These notices request information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. To ensure compliance with the provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act (the Act), please respond to these requests (copies enclosed).

An adequate response must be received at the Commission by December 17, 2002. Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered. Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action.

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Erik Koeppen on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or our local number (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John D. Gibson".

John D. Gibson
Assistant Staff Director
Reports Analysis Division

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Reference: October Quarterly Report (7/1/02-9/30/02)

Dear Mr. Daly:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Schedule B of your report (pertinent portion(s) attached) discloses one or more contributions which appear to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. 2 U.S.C. §441a(a) prohibits a multicandidate committee and its affiliates from making a contribution to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$5,000 per election.

If any apparently excessive contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information.

If any contribution you made exceeds the limits, you must request a refund of the excessive amount or provide a written authorization for a redesignation of the contribution pursuant to 1) CFR §110.2(b) within 60 days of the treasurer's receipt.

If the foregoing conditions for redesignations were not met within 60 days of the treasurer's receipt, your committee must obtain a refund of the excessive amount.

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of the refund or redesignation request sent to the recipient committee(s). In addition, any refunds should be disclosed

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on Schedule A supporting Line 16 of the report covering the period during which they are received. Any redesignations should be disclosed as memo entries on Schedule B supporting Line 23 of the report covering the period during which the redesignation is made. (11 CFR §110.1(b))

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding the excessive contribution(s), your prompt action in obtaining a refund and/or redesignating the contribution(s) will be taken into consideration.

-The totals listed on Lines 11(c), 11(d), 19, 20, 23, 30, and 31, Column B of the Detailed Summary Page(s) appear to be incorrect. Please be advised that you should add the "Calendar Year-to-Date" total from your previous report to the current "Total This Period" figure from Column A to derive the correct Column B totals. Please amend your report and any subsequent reports that may be affected by this correction.

-Your calculations for Lines 6(c) and 7, Column B appear to be incorrect. FEC calculations disclose these amounts to be \$83,285 and \$94,048, respectively. Please provide the corrected totals on the Summary Page.

-Commission Regulations require that a committee disclose the identification of all individuals who contribute in excess of \$200 in a calendar year. (11 CFR §104.3(a)(4)(i)) Identification for an individual is defined as the full name, mailing address, occupation and name of employer. (11 CFR §100.12) Your report discloses contributions from individuals for which the identification is not complete.

You must provide the missing information, or if you are unable to do so, you must demonstrate that "best efforts" have been used to obtain the information. To establish "best efforts," you must provide the Commission with a detailed description of your procedures for requesting the information. Establishing "best efforts" is a three-fold process.

First, your original solicitation must include a clear and conspicuous request for the contributor information and must inform the contributor of the requirements of federal law for the reporting of such information. (11 CFR §104.7(b)(1))

Second, if the information is not provided, you must make one follow-up, stand alone effort to obtain this information, regardless of whether the contribution(s) was solicited or not. This effort must occur no later than 30

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days after receipt of the contribution and may be in the form of a written request or an oral request documented in writing. (11 CFR § 104.7(b)(2))
The request must:

- clearly ask for the missing information, without soliciting a contribution;
- inform the contributor of the requirements of federal law for the reporting of such information, and
- if the request is written, include a pre-addressed post card or return envelope.

Third, if you receive contributor information after the contribution(s) has been reported, you shall either a) file with your next regularly scheduled report, an amended memo Schedule A listing all the contributions for which additional information was received; or b) file on or before your next regularly scheduled reporting date, amendments to the report(s) originally disclosing the contribution(s). (11 CFR §104.7(b)(4))

Please provide the missing information or a detailed description of your procedures for requesting the information. For more information on demonstrating "best efforts," please refer to the Campaign Guide.

-Please amend Schedule B supporting Line 23 by providing the office sought (i.e. House, Senate or President), state and congressional district, if applicable, for each contribution made. 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3)(ii) and (v)

-Your report disclosed a category of financial activity that has been reflected on the wrong line of the Detailed Summary Page. Contributions to other federal political action committees and political party committees should be properly disclosed on a separate Schedule B, supporting Line 23 of the Detailed Summary Page. Please refer to the instructions contained on the forms to determine the proper categorization when preparing your next filing.

A response or amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at

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the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

Erik W. Koeppen

Erik W. Koeppen
Campaign Finance Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

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SCHEDULE B (FEC Form 3X)
ITEMIZED DISBURSEMENTS

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Any information copied from such Reports and Statements may not be sold or used by any person for the purpose of soliciting contributions or for commercial purposes, other than using the name and address of any political committee to solicit contributions from such committee.

NAME OF COMMITTEE (in Full)

Prairie Political Action Committee

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)

A. Sanders for Senate

Mailing Address

236 Mass. Ave. NW

City

Washington

State

DC

Zip Code

20002

Purpose of Disbursement

Candidate Name

Category/
Type

Office Sought:

House

Disbursement For:

Senate

Primary

X General

President

Other (specify) *

State:

District:

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)

B. Shaheen for US Senate

Mailing Address

Box 1603

City

Concord

State

NH

Zip Code

03302

Purpose of Disbursement

Candidate Name

Category/
Type

Office Sought:

House

Disbursement For:

Senate

Primary

X General

President

Other (specify) *

State:

District:

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)

C. Tim Johnson for Senate

Mailing Address

420 C Street NE

City

Washington

State

DC

Zip Code

20003

Purpose of Disbursement

Candidate Name

Category/
Type

Office Sought:

House

Disbursement For:

Senate

Primary

X General

President

Other (specify) *

State:

District:

SUBTOTAL of Disbursements This Page (optional)

10500.00

TOTAL This Period (last page this line number only)

SCHEDULE B (FEC Form 3X)
ITEMIZED DISBURSEMENTS

 Use separate schedule(s)
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NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full)

Prairie Political Action Committee

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)

A. Tim Johnson for Senate

Date of Disbursement

09 " 1 " 27 " 2002 "

Mailing Address

420 C Street NE

 City State Zip Code
 Washington DC 20003

Amount of Each Disbursement this Period

3000.00

Purpose of Disbursement

Candidate Name

 Category/
Type

Office Sought

House

Disbursement For:

Senate

 Primary General

President

Other (specify) ▼

State

District

Transaction ID: SB23.4246

B.

C.

 SUBTOTAL of Disbursements This Page (optional) → 3000.00
 TOTAL This Period (last page this line number only) → 39500.00

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ITEMIZED DISBURSEMENTS

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full)

Prairie Political Action Committee

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)

A- Friends of Senator Levin

Date of Disbursement

05 01 2002

Amount of Each Disbursement this Period

1000.00

Mailing Address

Box 92084

City State Zip Code

Warren MI 48092

Purpose of Disbursement

Candidate Name

 Category/
Type

 Office Sought: House Disbursement For: 2002
 Senate Primary X General
 President Other (specify) ▼

State: District:

Transaction ID: SB23.4235

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)

B- Harry Jacobs for Congress

Date of Disbursement

06 01 2002

Mailing Address

850 State Rd.

City State Zip Code

Altamonte Springs FL 32714

Amount of Each Disbursement this Period

5000.00

Purpose of Disbursement

Candidate Name

 Category/
Type

 Office Sought: House Disbursement For: 2002
 Senate Primary X General
 President Other (specify) ▼

State: District:

Transaction ID: SB23.4228

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)

C- Johnson For South Dakota

Date of Disbursement

08 09 2002

Mailing Address

804 West Avenue

City State Zip Code

Sioux Falls SD 57104

Amount of Each Disbursement this Period

2000.00

Purpose of Disbursement

Candidate Name

 Category/
Type

 Office Sought: House Disbursement For: 2002
 Senate Primary X General
 President Other (specify) ▼

State: District:

Transaction ID: SB23.4219

2000.00

SUBTOTAL of Disbursements This Page (optional)

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full)

Private Political Action Committee

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)		Date of Disbursement
A. Phelps for Congress		06 M 1 25 Y 2002
Mailing Address		Amount of Each Disbursement this Period
Box 485		1000.00
City	State	Zip Code
Edwardsville	IL	62025
Purpose of Disbursement		
Candidate Name		Category/ Type
Office Sought:	House Senate President	Disbursement For: 2002 Primary <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Other (specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
State:	District:	Transaction ID: SB23.4246
Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)		Date of Disbursement
B. Sanders for Senate		06 M 1 25 Y 2002
Mailing Address		Amount of Each Disbursement this Period
Box 11803		1000.00
City	State	Zip Code
Columbia	SC	29211
Purpose of Disbursement		
Candidate Name		Category/ Type
Office Sought:	House Senate President	Disbursement For: 2002 Primary <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Other (specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
State:	District:	Transaction ID: SB23.4237
Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)		Date of Disbursement
C. Shafee for Senate Exploratory Committee		06 M 1 25 Y 2002
Mailing Address		Amount of Each Disbursement this Period
P.O. Box 1603		4000.00
City	State	Zip Code
Concord	NH	03306
Purpose of Disbursement		
Candidate Name		Category/ Type
Office Sought:	House Senate President	Disbursement For: 2002 Primary <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Other (specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
State:	District:	Transaction ID: SB23.4245
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